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Mr. Mortimer M. Caplin, President
National Civil Service League
1028 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20036

Dear Mr. Caplin:

I have been advised by Mr. Richard Helms, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, that he has forwarded the name of Colonel L. K. White as a candidate for the Career Service Award of the National Civil Service League.

I wish to take this opportunity to support enthusiastically and without reservation the nomination of Colonel White and to endorse and confirm the statements made by Mr. Helms concerning Col. White's unusual and outstanding contribution to the national interest and to the Agency that he has served for a great many years.

During the years that I was Director of the Central Intelligence Agency (1961-1965), Colonel White was Director of Administration and managed the business end of the Agency. He was in charge of all administrative functions which ranged from property management, contracts and purchasing to the very sensitive area of personnel and security. The unusual skill with which he handled his many assignments resulted from experiences gained during his long and distinguished career in the military followed by his many years with the Agency.

In 1965, he was elevated to the post of Executive Director-Controller of the Central Intelligence Agency and in this position, which he holds today, his responsibilities were further extended.

Since my retirement as Director of Central Intelligence, I have served the Agency in a consulting and advisory capacity and this has given me the opportunity to observe Colonel White's

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performance in his extended responsibilities. It is my observation that in recent years his contribution to the Agency is even greater than formerly and he deserves a great share of the credit for the smooth and efficient operation of this vast and complex agency of government.

Through the years, I have discussed the capabilities of Colonel White with the late Allen Dulles who preceded me as Director and who guided the development and growth of the Agency through the "fifties". I can assure you that if Allen were here and able to speak, and sadly, he cannot, he would join in an unqualified endorsement of Colonel White.

I sincerely hope that the National Civil Service League will give Colonel White's name serious and favorable consideration for the Career Service Award.

Yours most sincerely,



bcc: Mr. Richard Helms ✓

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